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SUBJECT: YAR ARMS PROGRAM: AIDE MEMOIRE TO SAG ON  
CONTROLLING ROLE

1. IN RESPONSE TO SAUDI CONCERNS REGARDING THEIR ABILITY  
TO PLAY AN EFFECTIVE ROLE IN CONTROLLING DELIVERIES TO  
YAR, PARTICULARLY AFTER LOAS ARE SIGNED BY YARG, WE HAVE  
PREPARED FOLLOWING AIDE MEMOIRE WHICH SHOULD BE DELIVERED  
TO PRINCE SULTAN AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY BUT NOT LATER  
THAN HIS DEPARTURE FOR SANA.

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2. BEGIN TEXT: THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS

APPROVED THE SALE OF DEFENSE ITEMS TO THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC GOVERNMENT UNDER THE PROCEDURES OF THE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES ACT. THIS APPROVAL IS MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THE SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT PROGRAM FOR PROVIDING MILITARY AID AND ASSISTANCE TO THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC ARMED FORCES.

IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FROM THE SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND AVIATION, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS PROVIDING LETTERS OF OFFER/ACCEPTANCE FOR DEFENSE ITEMS TO BE FINANCED BY THE SAUDI ARABIAN

GOVERNMENT FOR THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC. THESE AND SUBSEQUENT LETTERS OF OFFER/ACCEPTANCE UNDER THIS PROGRAM WILL BE PROVIDED FIRST TO THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND AVIATION OF THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT FOR REVIEW, APPROVAL AND FOR COSIGNATURE GUARANTEEING PAYMENT; AND SECONDLY TO THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC FOR ACCEPTANCE AND SIGNATURE AS PURCHASER. DELIVERY WILL BE MADE TO THE DESIGNATED PORT OF ENTRY IN THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC.

SHOULD THE SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT REQUEST CANCELLATION OF ANY OR ALL DELIVERIES OF DEFENSE ITEMS FUNDED BY THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT UNDER THIS PROGRAM AND DESTINED FOR THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL SUSPEND OR CANCEL SAID DELIVERIES UPON WRITTEN NOTIFICATION BY THE SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT WHICH SHALL CONTAIN AN UNDERSTANDING BY THE SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT THAT IT ACCEPTS RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL COSTS RESULTING FROM SUCH CANCELLATION OR SUSPENSION. END TEXT.

3. IN DELIVERING AIDE MEMOIRE TO PRINCE SULTAN, EMBASSY SHOULD POINT OUT THAT EXISTENCE OF OUR UNDERSTANDING WITH SAUDIS TO SUSPEND PROGRAM AT ANY TIME UPON THEIR WRITTEN REQUEST COULD SOME DAY BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE, PARTICULARLY SHOULD CONGRESS INQUIRE INTO PROGRAM. USG WOULD THEREFORE PREFER THAT THIS UNDERSTANDING BE REFLECTED IN LOAS THEMSELVES BY CHANGING PARA B-6 IN FORM 1513 BY ADDING WORDS "EITHER THE PURCHASER OR FINANCIER" BEFORE THE WORDS "MAY CANCEL THE ORDER..." AND REMOVING WORD SECRET

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"IT" IN SECOND SENTENCE OF PARA AND REPLACING WITH "IN THIS EVENTUALITY, THE PARTY CANCELLING THE ORDER" BEFORE WORDS "SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL COSTS RESULTING FROM CANCELLATION UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH". IF PRINCE SULTAN AGREES, EMBASSY SHOULD PEN AND INK THESE CHANGES ON LOAS DELIVERED TO SAUDIS. IF PRINCE SULTAN DOES NOT AGREE, YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT WE FEEL YARG SHOULD BE MADE AWARE IN GENERAL TERMS OF CONDITIONS OF SALE IMPOSED BY

SAUDIS IN THEIR FINANCING ROLE. IN THIS CASE, WE DEFER  
TO SULTAN WHETHER HE WISHES TO CONVEY COMMITMENT WE HAVE  
MADE TO SAG DIRECTLY TO YARG OR IF HE WISHES US TO DO  
SO, BUT WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING HIS VIEWS ON THIS.

4. FOR SANA: EXISTENCE OR CONTENT OF AIDE MEMOIRE  
SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED WITH YARG. IF LOA LANGUAGE IS  
NOT TO BE AMENDED AS INDICATED ABOVE, AND AFTER WE HAVE  
RECEIVED PRINCE SULTAN'S REACTIONS, WE WILL DETERMINE WHAT  
USG ACTION, IF ANY, SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN TO INFORM YARG  
IN GENERAL TERMS OF CONDITIONS OF SALE. KISSINGER

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